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Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"With reference to the answers to questions (g) & (h), may I know why the new clause is added 'when water is available'?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"Because we cannot give water when it is not available."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"As far as I know, I would like the hon. Member to contradict me, there has been no such limitation hitherto."

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"I cannot conceive of there ever being a rule that water is to be supplied when it is not available; but if the hon. Member could explain more clearly what he has in his mind, I shall certainly be prepared to make enquiries."

Diwan Bahadur R. N. Arogyaswami Mudaliyar :—"May I ask, Sir, that the Government be pleased to make enquiries as to whether it has not been the practice to divide the water in times of scarcity also between the North Rajan Channel and the Khan Sahib's Canal?"

The hon. Sir Norman Marjoribanks :—"Possibly, the Chief Engineers may understand what the hon. Member means and I shall be glad to ask them about it."

Supply of water to Veeranam tank from Vadavar.

*1008-B Q.—Rao Bahadur K. Sitarama Reddiyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that Vadavar has been the feeding source for Veeranam tank from time immemorial;

(b) whether it is still continued as such; if not, why not;

(c) what are the original sources of supply to the Veeranam tank;

(d) what is the quantity of supply allowed in Vadavar now;

(e) whether the quantity of water supplied is intended for irrigating the ayacut under it alone which is only 14,000 acres or for feeding the Veeranam tank also whose ayacut is 56,000 acres; and

(f) if it is intended for the former only, what were the circumstances that led to the omission of the supply to Veeranam tank?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) Rain falling on its own catchment of 195 square miles, besides the supply received from the Vadavar, and a supply from the Vellar during north-east monsoon.

(d) The supply depends on the flow available in the Coleroon. The Vadavar carries a supply of 2,200 cu secs, whenever the supply in the Coleroon permits this.

(e) The excess supply available after meeting the demands of direct irrigation will feed the Veeranam tank.

(f) Does not arise.

Irrigation of lands under the Veeranam tank.

*1008-C Q.—Rao Bahadur K. Sitarama Reddiyar : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether it is a fact that the Veeranam tank water is often taken for irrigating the ayacuts under the Vellar; and

(b) if so, whether any additional source of supply to the Veeranam tank has been provided for to meet this demand of the ayacut under the Vellar ?

A.—(a) Yes; when the Veeranam tank surpluses.

(b) The Vadavar has been widened and the capacity of the Veeranam tank increased from 918 million cubic feet to 1,489 million cubic feet; and other improvements have been carried out for the purpose of—

(a) giving increased supply to the Veeranam tank and thence to the Shatiatope anicut system during the south-west monsoon when the Coleroon is in floods; and

(b) supplementing the supplies to the Veeranam tank from the Vellar when that river is in floods during the north-east monsoon.

Distribution of water to the Cauvery and Coleroon rivers.

* 1008-D Q.—Rao Bahadur K. Sitarama Reddiyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government distribute the water at the Upper Anicut to the Cauvery and Coleroon rivers in the same proportion in which they take the combined supply needed for both the Cauvery and Coleroon ayacuts from the Kannambadi dam of the Mysore Government;

(b) if so, what is the ratio, and if not, why not;

(c) whether it is not a fact that Coleroon at the Upper Anicut was having the spill over the middle shutters in previous days and that after the introduction of the screw gearing system the Coleroon has been deprived of such an advantage; and

(d) if the answer is in the affirmative, what are the compensatory provisions that have now been made after the introduction of screw gearing system?

A.—(a) & (b) The distribution will arise only when the flow at the Cauvery dam exceeds a certain limit. If the supply thus received in the Cauvery below the Cauvery dam exceeds the requirements of the delta it will be surplused into the Coleroon through the Grand Anicut.

(c) & (d) A report has been called for.

Investigation of the Seethapalliyeru and Pamularu projects.

* 1009 Q.—Mr. K. V. R. Swami: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state with regard to the investigation of Seethapalliyeru and Pamularu projects in East Godavari—

(a) whether the report said to have been called for by the Government in the answer to question No. 835 answered on 22nd October 1927 has been received;

(b) whether the same will be placed on the Council table;

(c) whether the staff mentioned in the answer to question No. 438 answered on 21st March 1927 was appointed, and if so, when;